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SUBJECT: BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY'S JANUARY 12 LUXEMBOURG PRESS  
CONFERENCE

1.ON JANUARY 12,FOLLOWING HIS INITIAL SPEECH TO THE  
EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AS EC PRESIDENT-IN-COUNCIL,(REPORTED SEPTTEL)  
BRITISH FOREIGN SECRETARY CROSLAND HELD A HEAVILY ATTENDED PRESS  
CONFERENCE,DURING WHICH HE DEVELOPED THE FOLLOWING SALIENT  
POINTS:

2.COMMUNITY ENLARGEMENT.CROSLAND SAID ENLARGEMENT  
"MUST AND WILL OCCUR" BECAUSE ENLARGEMENT IS INEVITABLE  
UNDER THE TREATY OF ROME,AND THE COMMUNITY "HAS NO RIGHT  
TO PREVENT IT. " HE RECALLED THAT THEQUESTION OF HOW  
ENLARGEMENT IS MANAGED (I.E.,HOPEFULLY IN SUCH A WAY AS NOT  
TO ENFEEBLE TO COMMUNITY ECONOMICALLY AND POLITICALLY)  
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POSES THE EC'S GREATEST TEST OVER THE MEDIUM TERMS AND  
WILL,IN FACT,HAVE IMPLICATIONS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOP-  
MENT FOR SOME TIME TO COME.FON SEC SAID HE DID NOT  
KNOW WHEN PORTUGAL AND SPAIN WILL PRESENT MEMBERSHIP  
APPLICATIONS.ASKED WHAT KIND OF ENHANCED RELATIONSHIP  
WITH THE EC WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FORPORTUGAL,CROSLAND  
OBSERVED THAT THE PSYCHOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES

OF MEMBERSHIP ARE IMPORTANT TO PORTUGAL AND THAT "WHETHER ANYTHING LESS THAN FULL MEMBERSHIP WILL SATISFY IS, I THINK, A VERY TRICKY QUESTION." FOREIGN SECRETARY SAID HE EXPECTED GREEK ACCESSION NEGOTIATIONS TO MOVE FORWARD STEADILY DURING THE BRITISH PRESIDENCY. BECAUSE OF THE UNCERTAINTY REGARDING THE TIMING OF PORTUGUESE AND SPANISH APPLICATIONS -- AND PERHAPS MUCH LATER A TURKISH APPLICATION -- CROSLAND SAID THE THOUGHT EACH ACCESSION NEGOTIATION WOULD HAVE TO BE HANDLED SEPARATELY RATHER THAN AS PART OF A CONCURRENT MULTI-SIDED NEGOTIATION.

3. CYPRUS. CROSLAND SAID THAT WHILE HE WISHED TO AVOID DISCUSSING DETAILS, THE CYPRUS PROBLEM WAS VERY MUCH ON HIS MIND AS PRESIDENT-IN-COUNCIL. HE SAID THIS IS ONE OF THE MAJOR TOPICS EC AND OTHER WESTERN EUROPEAN OFFICIALS WILL WISH TO DISCUSS WITH VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE DURING HIS UPCOMING EUROPEAN TRIP..

4. ECONOMIC EXPANSION. POINTING OUT THAT IT WAS NOT FOR HIM TO TELL OTHER GOVERNMENTS WHAT ECONOMIC POLICY TO PURSUE, CROSLAND NONETHELESS NOTED APPROVINGLY PRESIDENT-ELECT CARTER'S RECENTLY ANNOUNCED ECONOMIC PROGRAM FOR STIMULATING THE US ECONOMY. HE FORESAW BENEFICIAL CONSEQUENCES FOR THE WORLD ECONOMY AND IMPLIED THAT GERMANY COULD AFFORD TO TAKE SIMILAR REFLATIONARY RISKS IN THE COMMON INTEREST.

5. FISHERIES. FON SEC SPECULATED THAT WHILE FISHERIES PROBLEM WILL OCCUPY MUCH OF EC COUNCIL TIME DURING UK UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESIDENCY, IT IS FAR FROM CERTAIN THAT THE COMMUNITY WILL BE ABLE TO ADOPT A DEFINITIVE INTERNAL REGIME DURING THAT SIX MONTH PERIOD.

6. DIRECT ELECTIONS TO EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. CROSLAND SAID "IT IS STILL THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S INTENTION" TO DO ITS PART TO INSURE THAT THE ELECTION IS HELD IN MAY/JUNE 1978 AS SCHEDULED (I.E. BY PASSING ENABLING LEGISLATION IN NEAR FUTURE). HINTON

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